

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the specification has been amended to add a cross-reference section and to insert certain sequence identifiers. No new matter is introduced by the amendments to the specification.

Applicants further respectfully submit that original claims 1-24 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 25-42 have been added to more clearly delineate the subject matter of the claimed invention. Support for claims 25-42 is found in original claims 15-21, and in the specification at page 9, lines 3-7; page 17, lines 5-26; page 20, lines 2-13; page 20, line 22 to page 21, line 8; and pages 29-31, for example. No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendments to the claims.

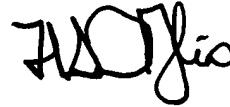
Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to a requirement for species election, issued on October 25, 2002 in the parent case Serial No. 09/624,965, with respect to claims 28-45 pending at that point in the '965 application. Specifically, the Examiner contended that claims 28-45 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species of different zinc-binding agents, as listed on page 9 of the instant specification. The Examiner required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species of zinc-binding agents for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 25-42, which are added by the instant amendment, substantially correspond to claims 28-45 in the '965 application that were subject to the restriction requirement. Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species, 1,2-diethyl-3-hydroxypyridin-4-one (CP94), for prosecution on the merits in the present divisional application, together with the generic claim. Applicants further submit that claims 25-42, i.e., all pending

claims, read upon the elected species.

It is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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